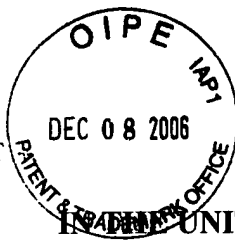


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Applicant hereby submits this preliminary amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action of August 4, 2006. Kindly amend the application as follows.

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